

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :

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For: PHYSIOLOGICAL FOOD SALT PRODUCT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Clean copy of the amended claims:

3. The product according to claim 1, **characterized** in that the magnesium ammonium chloride and/or the calcium ammonium chloride is in a complex form.

5. The product according to claim 1, **characterized** in that the general anhydrous formula of the salt contained in the product is $a\text{Mg} \times b\text{Ca} \times \text{NH}_4\text{Cl}_3$, in which $a + b = 1$, and a and b are greater than 0, and in which part of the ammonium can be replaced with potassium.

6. The product according to claim 1, **characterized** in that the general anhydrous formula of the salt contained in the product is in the type $\text{MgNH}_4\text{Cl}_3 \times e\text{CaCl}_2$, in which e is preferably not greater than 0.2 and in which part of the ammonium can be replaced with potassium.